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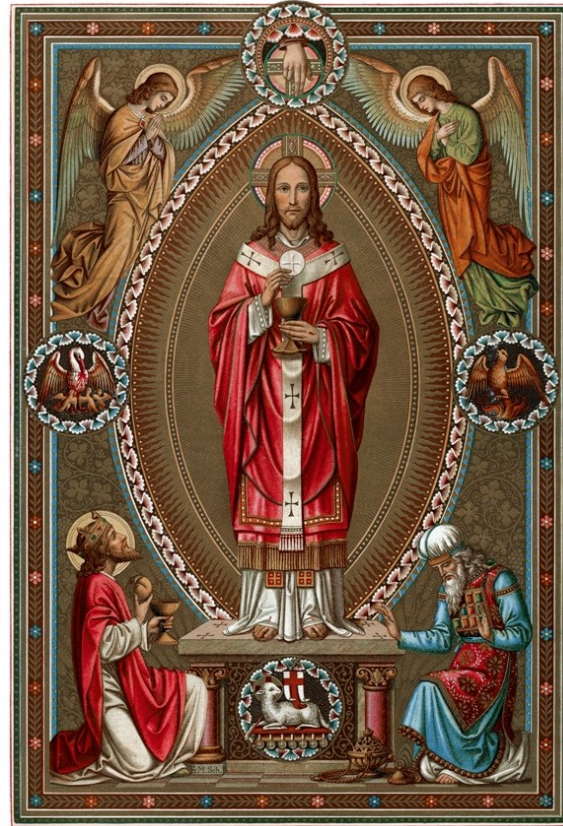
IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our second reading today, the author of the letter to the Hebrews tells us that Jesus is our great High Priest who can sympathize with our weakness. In the Old Testament, the High Priest was the one that offered worship to God, particularly by sacrifice. He stood as the representative of the nation of Israel before God, being the only one that could minister in the Holy of Holies, the most sacred area of the Temple where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. This was only done by the High Priest and only once a year when he would ask mercy on Yom Kippur for the sins of his nation. This was such an important task and required such ritual purity that the people sewed bells to the hem of the High Priest's garments and had a rope tied around his waste so that if he should die in the presence of God, they would hear the cessation of the bells and be able to pull him out of the Holy of Holies without entering and offending God themselves.

The letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as our High Priest, who has entered the heavenly sanctuary before his Father once and for all. He no longer has to leave as other priests were required to do on account of his sins, but remains as both the sinless priest and the sinless offering that makes expiation for our sins. Moreover, as our High Priest he is able to sympathize with our weakness because he took on flesh and become one of us. The author of the letter encourages us to confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and timely help. Jesus has made this possible through his death, which we read in the prophecy of Isaiah is an offering for our sin, bearing our guilt.

When we feel weak or need help from God, we should remember that we have an advocate for us in heaven, our Mediator who is Jesus. He knows what we need and so we should confidently turn to him and trust that he will give us the grace we need to overcome temptations, obstacles, and the burden of our sins. He loves us with a tenderness and mercy beyond words. And we likewise should love him with a faith and devotion worthy of it.



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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 11:00 am

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email

bgeist@oloskc.org

OCTOBER 20, 2024
THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 19— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00pm † Joseph, Paula, and Ronald I Garcia and
 Regina Garcia Foster

SUNDAY, October 20— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, October 21

TUESDAY, October 22— St. John Paul II

WEDNESDAY, October 23— St. John of Capistrano
 Noon † Joseph Andrew Sandhoefner

THURSDAY, October 24— St. Anthony Mary Claret
 Noon Jennifer Rose and Family & Friends (living
 and deceased)

FRIDAY, October 25

SATURDAY, October 26— 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, October 27— 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11:00am Ciera Geist

Liturgical Assignments

10/19 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

10/26 & 27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 29th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
 Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6;
 Mk 10:46-52

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

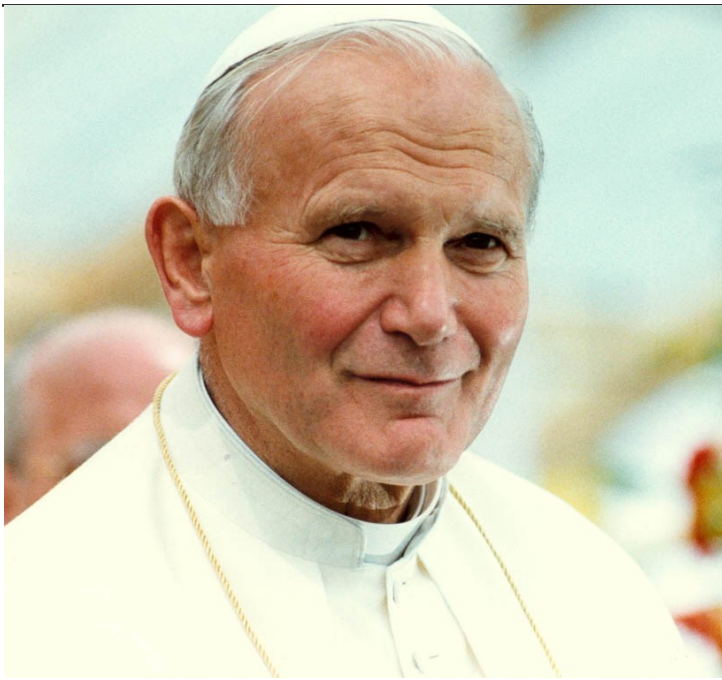
Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 19-20— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 21— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Oct 26— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 1— All Saints Day Mass at Noon
- Nov 2— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrini) at 5pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 29— Wedding at 3:30pm
- Dec 1— Advent Begins
- Dec 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 8— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Masses (To Be Announced)
- Dec 28— Wedding 1:30pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God (To Be Announced)
- Jan 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 19— Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. John Paul II

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyła had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology. Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyła earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyła to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong! Bishop Wojtyła attended all four sessions of Vatican II. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II's pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier. In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people, more than all other popes combined. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities. He died in 2005. He was beatified in 2011 and canonized in 2014.

Why Do We Do That?

Why do we say "And with your Spirit" when the priest says "The Lord be with you?"

At Mass, we are greeted several times with the greeting "The Lord be with you!" He says this to We respond "And with your spirit." This greeting occurs between bishop or priest or in certain instances, deacons, and the people. It is never used in the Roman liturgy between a non-ordained person and the congregation.

By expressing the words "The Lord be with you," the priest is expressing his desire that the powerful activity of God's spirit be given to the people of God, especially to enable them to do the work of transforming the world that God has entrusted to them. We as the laity are called to go out and bring the world to Christ through our work, our prayer, our relationships, and our families.

We as the laity in turn respond back to the bishop, priest, or deacon with "and with your spirit." This is not a mere "Back at ya" response, but an acknowledgment that in the sacrament of Holy Orders that clergy receive, their soul is configured in a special way to Christ. Christ, our High Priest is specially present in the ordained ministers in their capacity to offer the sacraments. It is not merely Bishop Johnston or Fr. Leonard or Deacon Mike that offers us the sacraments, but it is Christ working powerfully through them by the gift of their ordination in his priesthood. St. John Chrysostom, during a homily, explained,

"If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop [referring to Bishop Flavian of Antioch] when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, And with your spirit. This is why you reply with this expression ... reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but is it the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice."

Our response to the clergy acknowledges this supreme gift in the hope that Christ will once again work through them in the work of salvation present in the sacraments we receive.

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From October 7 to October 13, 2024

Plate	\$388.00
Envelopes	\$2330.00
World Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Candles	\$51.00
Poor Box	\$161.00
Maintenance	\$335.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Mass Stipend	\$100.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

World Mission Sunday Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. This collection goes to supporting Catholic missionary efforts throughout the entire world. Please be as generous as you are able.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at AnnMarie@oloskc.org. If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for these intentions, please send an email request to be added to the list.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Thursday by Noon. Please indicate which dates you would like the notice to run. Please mail the information to the office or fax it to 816.421.6037 or email Brad at the office at bgeist@oloskc.org.

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The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

Monica's. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. Our praesidium does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, November 10th at 5pm in the parish hall**. The movie we will be watching is **Cabrini (2024): After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Mother Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children**. Based on true events from the life of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. This film is rated PG-13.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **November 7th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We are studying the Gospel of John, known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Our next session will explore Jesus' High Priestly Prayer to the Father after the Last Supper. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our monthly collection of these items will take place today, November 9th and 10th**, and takes place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at bcapotosto@gmail.com.